



**Proclamation**  
**Recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lake-Sumter Community College**

**WHEREAS**, Lake-Sumter Community College is celebrating 50 years of excellence as an institution of higher education in Lake and Sumter Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, after being commissioned by the Florida Legislature in 1961, Lake-Sumter Junior College and Johnson Junior College opened in Lake County and offered their first classes in 1962 at their temporary facilities on the campuses of Leesburg High School and Carver Heights High School; and

**WHEREAS**, with the generous support of their community, Lake-Sumter Junior College and Johnson Junior College opened their first permanent campuses on Highway 441 and Beecher Street in Leesburg, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the two segregated junior colleges merged in 1965 in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1970, Lake-Sumter Junior College was renamed Lake-Sumter Community College; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1980, the Lake-Sumter Community College Foundation, Inc. was formed as a direct support organization for the college, and has been true to its mission and has provided the tools to ensure excellence in education, service to the community, and financial assistance to qualified students; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake-Sumter Community College began expanding in the 1990s, opening a joint-use facility with the Sumter County School District in Sumterville in 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake-Sumter Community College has continually adapted to the needs of its students and the employers of Lake and Sumter counties by offering innovative education programming including certificates, associate degrees, workforce training, and continuing education classes, and will begin to offer a baccalaureate degree in organizational management in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 50<sup>th</sup> year of its existence, 2012, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lake-Sumter Community College is celebrating throughout the year through events, including the opening of the 25 year old Time Capsule and dedication of a new capsule to be opened in 2037. This proclamation was prepared with the intention to be placed inside the capsule that will be dedicated on September 20, 2012.

**NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Proclaimed by the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners: That the students, alumni, faculty, administration, and District Board of Trustees of Lake-Sumter Community College are recognized on the 50th anniversary of the college, and looks forward to the opening of this time capsule in 2037, twenty-five years from this date on the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the college.**

**ADOPTED** in Regular Session this 11th day of September, 2012, A.D.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SUMTER COUNTY

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Connie Webb  
Deputy Clerk

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Garry Breeden  
Chairman